

## KIT

of authority; *k. the dust*, be overcome completely, put to death. (kis).  
**kit**, n. All necessary clothing etc. of sailor, military man; necessary things taken with one on journey etc. **'-bag**, n. Bag for kit. (kit).  
**'kitchen**, n. Room used for cooking. *K. garden*, garden producing fruit and plants for food. **'-er**, n. Fireplace for cooking, with oven. **'-maid**, n. Servant helping cook. ('kitfin).  
**kite**, n. Sort of bird living on other birds and small animals. (kait).  
**kite**, n. Frame covered with thin paper or cloth for sending in air on end of cord as plaything.  
**kith**, n. Only *k. and kin*, friends and relations. (kiθ).  
**'kitten**, i. n. Young cat. 2. v.i. (Of cat) give birth. ('kitn).  
**'kittle**, a. Only *k. cattle*, persons, animals, hard to keep under control. ('kitl).  
**'kitty**, n. Baby's word for cat; (in card-play) money put in common store by players to be played for. ('kiti).  
**'kiwi**, n. New Zealand bird without wings. ('ki:wi:).  
**kleptomania**, n. Diseased impulse to take the property of others. **-c**, n. One with kleptomania. (kleptou'meinia).  
**knack**, n. Power of doing thing expertly; trick of doing something. (nak).  
**'knacker**, n. One giving low price for old horses to put them to death for their meat etc., or old houses to get them broken up and make use of their materials. ('nakə).  
**knap**, v.t. Get (stones) broken with hammer. (nap).  
**'knapsack**, n. Leather or canvas bag, sp. military, for taking on back. ('napsak).  
**knave**, n. Man given to tricking others, acting falsely; playing-card with picture of young man. (neiv).  
**knead**, v.t. Get (wet meal, earth etc.) worked with hands till soft and well mixed as paste. (ni:d).  
**knee**, n. Part where top and lower parts of leg are joined. *On the kk. of the gods*, (of future event) still uncertain. **'k.-breeches**, n. pl. Ones ending at, a little lower than, knee. **'k.-cap**, n. Bone forming front of knee; cover to keep *k.* from damage. (ni:).  
**kneel** (knelt), v.i. Go down on, be resting on, the knees. (ni:l (nelt)).  
**knell**, n. Sound of bell, sp. as sign of a death; event giving sign of future trouble, death etc. (nel).  
**knaw**. See **KNOW**.  
**'knickerbockers**, n. pl. Short, loose trousers ending in tight band at knee.  
**'knickers**, n. pl. Knickerbockers; under-clothing for woman's legs. ('nikəbəkəz).  
**'knick-knack**, n. Small thing such as ornament for house, dress etc. ('niknak).

## KNOT

**knife** (knives), i. n. Cutting-instrument formed of sharp blade fixed in hand-part; blade in cutting-machine. *Get one's k. into (person)*, get desire to do damaging things to him. 2. v.t. Give wound to with *k. 'k.-board*, n. Special one for cleaning knives on. **'k.-grinder**, n. Man going from house to house to make knives sharp. **'k.-pleat**, n. See **PLEAT**. (naif (naivz)).  
**knight**, i. n. Man with **TITLE** under that of **BARONET**; (in old times) man, gen. of good birth, given certain military position; sort of **CHESSMAN**. 2. v.t. Make (person) a *k. 'hood*, n. Sp., knights as a body. (nait).  
**knit**, v.t. & i. Make (clothing etc.) by working wool etc. thread into network with knitting-needles; make united together by common interests etc. *K. one's brows*, make lines come in skin between hair and eyes as sign of thought, care etc.; *well-k.*, with parts, sp. of body, **well**, strongly, **joined** together. **'-ting**, n. Sp., thing (being) knitted. **'-ting-needle**, n. Thin rod of metal, bone etc. used in knitting. (nit).  
**knives**. See **KNIFE**.  
**knob**, n. Solid, more or less round structure, at end or on outside of thing, such as hand-part of door, stick etc.; small bit (of coal etc.). **'-b(l)y**, a. Like, covered with, knobs. (nɒb).  
**knock**, i. v.t. & i. Give, sp. hard, blow to; send (*down, in* etc.) with blow(s); *k. at door*; (of automobile engine) make knocking sound. *K. about*, do damage to by being rough with; go journeying about; *k. at door*, give blow on it as sign of desire to come in; *k. down*, sp., let (goods at AUCTION) go (to one making offer); *k. off work*, take a rest from it; *k. on the head*, make unconscious by blow; *k. together*, sp., make quickly, without great care; *k. up*, sp., make, become, very tired, unable to go on working. 2. n. (Sound of) knocking blow. **'-about**, a. (Of stage humour) loud, rough. **'-er**, n. Sp., metal ring etc. on door for knocking with. **'k.-knead**, a. With legs curving in so that knees knock together. (nok).  
**knoll**, n. Small HILL. (noul).  
**knot**, i. n. Parts of cord(s) etc. twisted together, over and under, so that they are fixed together; knotted silk etc. as ornament; twisted mass of threads, hairs etc.; hard mass in wood where branch has been joined to stem; small group (of persons). 2. v.t. & i. Make



KNITTING

## KNOT

*k. in (cord etc.)*. **'-ty**, a. Sp., hard, complex. (nɒt).  
**knout**, n. Measure of rate at sea, 6080-27 feet an hour.  
**knout**, n., v.t. Leather whip used for punishment. (naut).  
**know** (knew, known), i. v.t. & i. Be conscious of, *that*; have details, facts, *about*, a grip of; be certain *that*; have experience of, have come across, be friend of. *K. better*, sp., *k.* that person making statement is wrong; be conscious that one is doing wrong; *k. one's own mind*, be certain what one's opinion, purpose, is; *k. what's what*, have experience, power of judging. 2. n. Only in the *k.*, [Com.] in the secret. **'-ing**, a. Sp., sharp, not readily tricked. **'-ingly**, adv. Consciously; with air of knowing. **'-ledge** ('nɒlɪdʒ), n. Knowing; what one knows. *To my k.*, as far as I know. **'-ledgeable**, a. With much knowledge. (nou (nju:)).  
**'knuckle**, i. n. Part where one finger-bone is joined to another or where finger is joined to hand; (in animals) knee-bone or part joining leg to foot, sp., with meat on, as food. 2. v.t. Give push, rub, to with *k. k. under*, give way, be overcome. **'k.-duster**, n. Metal instrument for putting across knuckles to give more force to blows. ('nakl).  
**'kohl'rabi**, n. (Plant with) root used for food. ('koul'ra:bi).  
**'kopec**, n. КОПЕЦ. ('koupek).  
**'kopje**, n. (In S. Africa) small HILL. ('kɒpi).  
**Ko'ran**, n. The book of Mohammed's teachings. (kɔ'ra:n).  
**'kosher**, a. (Of meat) from animals put to death in agreement with laws of Jews. ('kouʃə).  
**'ko(w)'tow**, n., v.i. (In China) touching of earth with head as sign of respect. *K. to*, sp., give over-great respect to. ('kou'tau, 'kau'tau).  
**kraal**, n. S. African black men's VILLAGE. (kra:l).  
**kris**, n. Knife with waved blade used by Malays. (kris).  
**'krone**, n. Bit of silver money used in Austria and (with different value) in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway. ('krouna).  
**'kudos**, n. Credit, respect. ('kju:dɔs).  
**'kummel**, n. Sort of LIQUEUR. ('kuməl).

## L

**L**. Rom. number 50 (*L* or *l*). (el).  
**'laager**, n. CAMP, sp., inside circle of carts. ('la:ga).  
**'label**, v.t., n. (Get) ticket giving name, details etc. fixed to (thing). ('leibl).  
**'labial**, a., n. Of the lips; like a lip; [Lang.] (letter) formed with the lips. ('leɪbjəl).  
**la'boratory**, n. Place where tests are done

## LACTATION

in science work, sp. chemistry. (lə'bɔr-əri).  
**'labour**, i. n. Work; workers (opp. owners) as a group; pains of giving birth. *L. of love*, work done more for pleasure than payment; *L. Party*, political group representative of workers' interests. 2. v.i. & t. Do hard work, sp. with hands; make great attempts (*to*); have trouble in moving, breathing. *L. the point*, make overmuch of; *l. under a delusion*, have a false idea. **'-ed**, a. (Of writing, talk) not smooth or natural; (of breathing, motion) done with trouble. **'-er**, n. Sp., man doing hard, rough work needing little training. **la-'borious** (lə'bɔ:riəs), a. Hard-working; needing hard work; laboured. ('leiba).  
**la'burnum**, n. Tree with hanging masses of yellow flowers. (lə'bɜ:nəm).  
**'labyrinth**, n. Complex network of ways, roads etc. ('læbrɪnθ).  
**lac**, n. Red sticky substance from certain trees, used for colouring. (lak).  
**lac, lakh**, n. (In India) 100,000 (sp. *l.* of rupees). (lak).  
**lace**, i. n. Cord put through small holes in shoes etc. for pulling edges together; delicate open-work material made with thread. *Gold (silver) l.*, gold (silver) BRAID put on military coats etc. 2. v.t. & i. Make tight by pulling *l.* (freq. *l. up*); make ornamented *with* (line of colour etc.); put (cord) through holes; get (milk etc.) mixed *with* (alcohol). (leis).  
**'lacerate**, v.t. Make rough cuts in (skin etc.), give deep wound to (feelings). ('læsəreit).  
**'lachrymal**, a. Of TEARS (sp. *l. gland*).  
**'lachrymose** ('lakrimous), a. (Given to crying. ('lakriməl).  
**lack**, i. v.t. Not have enough of, be without. *Be lacking*, sp., be needed, not present. 2. n. Need, being without. **'-lustre**, a. (Of eyes) not bright. (lak).  
**lacka'daisical**, a. With air of being tired, not interested, having delicate tastes. (lakə'deɪzɪkl).  
**'lackey**, n. Manservant; one with air o servant. ('laki).  
**la'conic**, a. Using, said in, a small number of words. (lə'konɪk).  
**'lacquer**, i. n. Sorts of clear substance used to give hard, bright coat to metal, paint etc. 2. v.t. Put *l.* on. ('lakə).  
**la'crosse**, n. Ball-sport for 2 sides of 12 players using curved sticks with nets on. (lə'kros).  
**lac'tation**, n. Producing of milk by female animal. **'lacteal**, **'lactic**, aa. Of milk. (lak'teɪʃən).



LACE

**la'cuna**, n. Hole, space between, sp., place in writing, argument etc. where connection is broken. (lə'kju:nə).  
**lad(die)**, n. Boy, young man. (lād(i)).  
**ladder**, n. Step-structure formed of 2 uprights with rods across, for getting up walls etc.; l-like hole in stocking etc. (lādə).  
**lade** (laded, laden), v.t. LOAD (ship). **Laden with**, sp., weighted down with. (leid).  
**Ladle**, n., v.t. Deep spoon with long handle, used for liquids. (leidl).  
**lady**, n. Woman of good birth; woman (used as mark of respect); TITLE of woman married to KNIGHT, LORD etc., daughter of DUKE etc. (L.). *L. in waiting*, l. waiting on a Queen; *Our L.*, Mary, Mother of Christ. **-bird**, n. Small red-brown insect marked with black. **L.-day**, n. March 25th. **L.-killer**, n. Man who does his best to have an attraction for women. **-ship**, n. *Her (your) L.*, form used in talking of (to) one with TITLE of Lady. (leidi).  
**lag**, i. v.i. Go over-slowly, more slowly than another (freq. *l. behind*). 2. n. Amount by which thing is slower, later. **-gard**, n. Slow person. (lag).  
**lag**, [Com.] n. One who has been in prison.  
**lager**, n. Sort of not very strong beer. (lā:ge).  
**la'goon**, n. Stretch of salt water parted from sea by sand etc. (lə'gu:n).  
**laid**. See LAY.  
**lain**. See LIE.  
**lair**, n. Animal's resting-place, hole. (leə).  
**laird**, n. Scot. landowner. (leəd).  
**'laissez-faire**, [F.] n. (System of) letting things, sp. trade, go on without control by government etc. (leisei'feə).  
**lake**, n. Deep red colouring-material (freq. *crimson l.*). (leik).  
**lake**, n. Great stretch of inland water.  
**'lama**, n. (In Tibet) PRIEST of Buddha's religion; LLAMA. (lāmə).  
**lamb**, i. n. Young sheep; its meat; young, feeble, or dear person. 2. v.i. & t. (Of sheep) give birth (to). (lam).  
**'lambent**, a. Softly bright; (of flame, light) moving over face of thing. (lambənt).  
**lame**, a. With damaged leg or foot, not walking normally; (of argument etc.) poor, feeble. (leim).  
**la ment**, i. n. Outburst in words of sad feeling, regret; song, verse, lamenting, sp. one dead. 2. v.i. & t. Give voice to l. (about); have regrets about. **'lamentable** (lāməntəbl), a. Rightly to be regretted. (lə'ment).  
**'laminated**, v.t. & i. Get (metal) rolled etc., be broken, into thin plates; make covered with metal plates. (lamineit).  
**lamp**, n. Apparatus for giving light, sp. one burning oil. **-black**, n. Black powder formed by oil flame, used for colouring. **L.-lighter**, n. Man lighting street lamps.

**'l.-post**, n. Support for street lamp. (lamp).  
**lam'poon**, i. n. Bitter attack in writing making sport of person. 2. v.t. Make l. against. (lam'pu:n).  
**'lamprey**, n. Snake-like sea-animal. (lāmpri).  
**lance**, n. Horseman's instrument of war formed of long rod with pointed steel head. **L.-corporate**, n. Man with lowest NON-COMMISSIONED position of authority in army. **-r**, n. Military horseman armed with lance. **-rs**, n. pl. Sort of dance for 8 persons. (lāns).  
**lance**, [Med.] v.t. Make hole or cut in with lancet. **-t**, [Med.] n. Pointed, 2-edged knife.  
**land**, i. n. Solid part of earth's face, opp. sea; country, nation, or part of earth; earth, sp. as used for farming, planting etc. 2. v.i. & t. Go, put, on land from sea or air; come to rest, get, (on, in etc.). **-ed**, a. Being an owner of land. **-ing**, n. Sp., part of floor by top of, between 2 groups of, steps. **-ing-stage**, n. Stage on which one lands from ship. **-lady**, n. Female landlord. **'l.-locked**, a. Almost, quite, shut in by land. **'lord**, n. Keeper of hotel etc.; owner whose house, land, is (to be) let. **'l.-lubber**, n. Sailor's word for one unused to the sea. **-mark**, n. Anything marking limits of stretch of land; building etc., sp. readily seen from a distance, special to a place; event marking stage or turning-point. **-scape**, n. (Picture of, art of painting) stretch of country seen from some point. **-slide**, n. Great fall of earth from mountain-side etc. (land).  
**'landau**, n. 4-wheeled carriage with folding roof in 2 parts. (lāndə).  
**lane**, n. Narrow street or road; way between lines of persons. (leɪn).  
**'language**, n. Words and their use; a nation's l.; words special to some field; person's, sp. writer's, use of words; signs used as *l. Bad, strong, l.*, sp., violent, dirty, shocking words. (lāngwɪdʒ).  
**'languid**, a. Without force, interest, slow. **'languish**, v.i. Be, become, languid; become ill, unhappy (sp. under certain conditions, from desire for). **'languishing**, a. Sp., putting on air of l. for love. **'languor**, n. Being languid. (lāngwɪd).  
**lank**, a. Lanky; (of hair etc.) hanging straight and flat. **-y**, a. Over-tall and thin. (lāŋk).  
**'lanolin**, n. Fat from sheep-wool used to make skin soft and smooth. (lānoulin).  
**'lantern**, n. Glass etc. cover round light for outdoor use; glass-sided structure on roof. *L. jaws*, long, thin, lower part of face. (lāntən).  
**'lanyard**, n. (On ships) short cord on thing

for moving it by or keeping it in place; cord round neck etc. for sp. whistle. (lānjəd).  
**lap**, n. Front part of legs from knees to body when person is seated. **'L.-dog**, n. Small dog. (lap).  
**lap**, i. v.t. & i. Get (cloth etc.) folded (round), (person, thing) folded (in); put (one edge, part) covering (over another); be so lapped (over). 2. n. Amount by which thing laps over; one turn of thread etc. round roll etc.; one time round the field in running competition.  
**lap**, i. v.t. & i. Be drinking with the tongue, as cat does; (of waves) be moving on, against, with lapping sound. 2. n. Sound of water lapping.  
**la'pel**, n. Folded-back front part of coat collar. (lə'pel).  
**'lapidary**, i. a. Cut on stone. 2. n. One cutting, making designs on, jewel stones. (lāpidari).  
**'lapis lazuli**, n. (Colour of) a bright blue stone. (lāpis lāzjulai).  
**lapse**, i. n. Small error (in talk, behaviour); (of right etc.) a lapsing; going by (of time). 2. v.i. Not keep up, let oneself go from, condition, position (freq. *l. into* worse, lower, one); (of right etc.) come to an end through not being used etc. (laps).  
**'lapsus linguae**, [L.] Small error in talking. (lāpsəs lɪŋgwaɪ).  
**'lapwing**, n. PEEWIT. (lāpwɪŋ).  
**'larboard**, n., a. Left side of ship, now gen. PORT. (lā:bəd).  
**'larceny**, [Law.] n. The crime of THEFT. (lā:sənɪ).  
**larch**, n. Evergreen tree with light green leaves. (lā:tʃ).  
**lard**, i. n. Pig fat in form for use in cooking. 2. v.t. Put l. on; put thin bits of BACON into (meat) before cooking; INTERLARD. (lā:d).  
**'larder**, n. Store-room, cupboard, for food. (lā:də).  
**large**, a. Of great size; of wide range. *At l.*, free, not in prison; *the world etc. at l.*, persons generally. **-ly**, adv. Sp., to a great degree, chiefly. (lā:dʒ).  
**'largesse**, [Old.] n. Money etc. handed out to all at happy time, event. (lā:dʒes).  
**'largo**, [It.] n., adv. (Bit of music) in slow time. (lā:gou).  
**'lariat**, n. Long cord to keep horse from running away. (lāriət).  
**lark**, n. Sorts of small song-bird, sp. SKYLARK. (lā:k).  
**lark**, n., v.i. Bit of play, sport, causing amusement.  
**'larkspur**, n. Plant with tall heads of blue flowers. (lā:kspə:).  
**'larva** (larvae), n. Insect in first stage of development after coming out of egg. (lā:və).

**'larynx**, n. Part of throat in which voice-cords are. **la'ryngeal**, a. **laryn'gitis**, n. A disease of the larynx. (lāriŋks).  
**'lascar**, n. Sailor from E. Indies. (lāskə).  
**las'civious**, a. Over-full of sex desire, dirty-minded. (lə'si:vɪəs).  
**lash**, i. v.i. & t. Give blows (to), make violent motions, with whip, tail etc.; be driving (on etc.) (as) with whip; make use of angry, bitter, words against; get tightly fixed with cord (*together*, to etc.). *L. oneself into*, get oneself worked up to (violent feeling); *l. out*, give sudden blow or kick; have angry outburst. 2. n. Cord or leather part of whip; blow given with whip; EYE-LASH. (lāʃ).  
**lass**, n. Girl. (las).  
**'lassitude**, n. Being tired, with no desire to do anything. (lāsɪtju:d).  
**las'so**, n., v.t. Cord with slipping knot for sending over heads of animals from a distance. (lə'su:).  
**last**, i. a. After all others, coming at the end; latest, nearest to present time; least important; least probable. 2. adv. On the l. time before now; at the end, after all others. 3. n. L. or latest one; l.-named thing; end. *At l.*, after a long time; *breathe, look etc. one's l.*, take one's l. breath, look etc. **-ly**, adv. (In list etc.) in the last place. (lāst).  
**last**, n. Form for making shoes on.  
**last**, v.i. Go on, keep in existence; be enough for (certain time). **-ing**, a. Going on for a long time, for ever.  
**latch**, v.t., n. Apparatus with bit of metal which may be moved up and down, for keeping door etc. shut; spring lock for door. **-key**, n. Key for outside door of house. (lætʃ).  
**'latchet**, [Old.] n. Shoe cord. (lætʃɪt).  
**late**, i. a. Far on in day, year, development etc.; after the right time; now dead; who or which is no longer so, was lately. *Of l. years*, in the years not long past. 2. adv. At, to, a l. hour, stage; after the right time. *Later on*, at a later time. 3. n. Only of l., lately. **-ly**, adv. A short time back. **-st** ('leɪstɪst), a., n. Sp., (of) the newest sort. (leɪt).  
**la'teen**, a. Only l. sail, 3-sided one at angle of 45° to MAST. (lə'ti:n).  
**'latent**, a. Present but not acting or seen. (leɪntɪ).  
**'lateral**, a. Of, at, from, to, the side(s). (lā'tərəl).  
**'latex**, n. Milk-like liquid got from plants, sp. rubber tree. (leɪteks).  
**lath**, n. Thin, narrow bit of wood, sp. as used in room walls. (lā:θ).  
**lathe**, n. Sorts of machine for getting wood, metal etc. into desired form by turning it against blade. (leɪθ).  
**'lather**, v.i. & t., n. (Make, make covered with) soft white mass formed by rubbing

## LATIN

- soap in water; l.-like liquid forming on horse when it gets over-heated. ('la:ðə).
- Latin**, 1. n. Language of old Rome. 2. a. Of L.; of persons of old Rome; of languages based on L.; of nations of S. Europe. ('latin).
- latitude**, n. (Degree of) being free from conditions keeping one from acting, having opinions, freely; distance of place N. or S. of EQUATOR, measured by angle. *Ll.*, parts of the earth in relation to their distance from EQUATOR. **latitudinarian**, n., a. (One) supporting right to free opinions on points of religion, sp., inside Christian Church. ('latitju:d).
- latrine**, n. Place for putting out waste material from body, sp. in CAMP etc. ('lə:tri:n).
- later**, a. Near the end of a time; not long past. *The l.*, (a. & pron.) the last-named of 2. **-ly**, adv. In the near past. ('lə:tə).
- lattice**, n., a. Structure of narrow bits of wood going across one another with spaces between. *L. window*, one having small DIAMONDS of glass in lead framework. ('lə:tis).
- laud**, v.t. PRAISE. **-able**, a. Rightly to be lauded. **-atory**, a. ('lə:ð).
- laudatum**, n. Liquid opium. ('lə:dnəm).
- laugh**, v.i. & t., n. (Make) the sounds normally caused by amusement; say with a laugh. *Have the l. of*, get the better of in the end; *l. at*, sp., make sport of, have no respect for; *l. in one's sleeve*, be feeling secret amusement. **-able**, a. Causing laughing. **-ing-gas**, n. Gas used to make persons unconscious for short operations. **-ing-stock**, n. Thing, person, made sport of by all. **-ter**, n. Laughing. ('lə:f).
- launch**, n. Boat of greatest size on warship; boat with engine. ('lə:ntf).
- launch**, v.t. & i. Send (stone, blow etc.); get (person, undertaking) started; send (ship) onto water. *L. out into*, get started on (new way of living etc.).
- launder**, v.t. Get (clothing) washed.
- laundress**, n. Woman who launders.
- laundry**, n. Laundering place, business. ('lə:ndə).
- laureate**, a. With LAUREL circle on head as sign of respect. *Poet l.*, one given position by King to make verses about important events etc. ('lə:ri:t).
- laurel**, n. Sorts of evergreen with bright leaves. *Ll.*, sp., a great name in art, letters, war etc. ('lə:rl).
- lava**, n. Material sent out as liquid by VOLCANO, becoming solid when cold. ('lə:və).
- lavatory**, n. Room for washing hands and face; WATER-CLOSET. ('lavətəri).
- lave**, [Old] v.t. Get (body etc.) washed. ('leiv).
- lavender**, n. Plant with small, red-blue,

## LAY FIGURE

- sweet-smelling flowers; colour of l. flowers. ('ləvində).
- lavish**, 1. a. Giving, producing, freely; more than enough. 2. v.t. Give in great amount, freely. ('ləvɪʃ).
- law**, n. A rule fixed by authority, in force in a society; system of ll.; the science of l.; l. experts as a body; (statement of) some regular order of natural events.
- l.-abiding**, a. Keeping the laws. **-ful**, a. Not against the law. **-less**, a. Sp., not keeping the law. **-suit**, n. Attempt to get one's rights from someone by law process. **-yer**, a. Person (getting his living as) expert in law. ('lə:).
- lawn**, n. Stretch of grass kept cut and smooth. *L. tennis*, form of sport for 2 or 4 players in which ball is sent over net with RACQUETS (gen. *tennis*). **l.-mower**, n. Machine for cutting grass. ('lə:m).
- lax**, a. Not taking care, not giving attention to rules etc. ('ləks).
- laxative**, n., a. (Substance) causing waste material to be sent out of body readily. ('ləksətiv).
- lay**. See LIE.
- lay** (laid), v.t. Put down, resting (on, in etc.); put (weight on), (facts before), etc.; (of birds) get (egg) produced. *Laid up*, sp., ill, unable to get about; *l. about one*, give blows in all directions; *l. a ghost*, make it go away; *l. bare*, make clear, make open to view; *l. by*, put on one side for future use; *l. by the heels*, make a prisoner; *l. cheek etc. open*, get it cut open; *l. (it) down that*, (of authority) make decision that; *l. down the law*, make decision, give opinion, as if with authority; *l. hands on*, make attack on with the hands; *l. hold on, of*, take grip of; *l. in*, get in as store; *l. it on thick*, sp., overdo words of approval etc.; *l. low*, overcome; *l. money*, BET; *l. one's hands on*, sp., get, make discovery of; *l. oneself out (to)*, take trouble (to); *l. out*, get (dead body) ready for putting to rest; make use of (money) for some purpose; put out on view; [Com.] overcome or make unconscious; *l. the table, cloth*, put things ready for a meal; *l. trap*, get it ready; *l. waste*, make waste.
- l.-out**, n. General design. ('lei (leid)).
- lay**, a. Not (of) a PRIEST; of the general public, outside some group of experts.
- laity** ('leiti), n. The l., laymen. **-man**, n. Lay person.
- lay**, [Let.] n. Song, verses.
- layer**, n. Stretch of material covering something, or forming one level division of thing's structure. ('leə).
- la'vette**, n. Clothing etc. for new baby. ('lei'et).
- lay figure**, n. Wood etc. form of person, with arms, legs, which may be put in different positions, used by painters. ('lei 'figə).

## LAZAR

- lazar**, [Old] n. Poor, diseased person, sp. LEPER. **-et(to)**, n. LEPER hospital. ('ləzə).
- lazy**, a. Without industry, doing little work; making lazy. **laze**, v.i. Do nothing.
- l.-bones**, n. Lazy person. ('leizi).
- lea**, [Let.] n. Stretch of grass-land. ('li:).
- lead**, 1. n. Soft grey metal of great weight; bit of l. on line for measuring how deep water is; stick of GRAPHITE in pencil; bit of metal used to make space between lines of print wider. *Ll.*, bit of flat roof covered with l. 2. v.t. Make covered, weighted, spaced, with l. **-en**, a. Of lead; as if of lead in colour, weight etc. **-sman**, n. Sailor who sends the lead into water. ('led).
- lead** (led), 1. v.t. & i. Take (person, animal) in some direction by guiding, pulling; have control, direction, of; go or be first; have (existence of certain sort); (of road etc.) go (to). *Be led to believe*, be caused, given reason, to; *l. (person) a dance*, give him hard time, sp. in coming after one; *l. (person) a life*, give him a troubled one; *l. to*, sp., (of act, event) have (certain) outcome. 2. n. Leader's position; guiding act, example; (player of) chief part in stage play; leather cord etc. for leading dog; wire taking electric current; right of playing first at cards. **-er**, n. Sp., chief; leading article. **-ing**, a. Sp., chief, most important. *L. article*, one giving views of newspaper on some question; *l. case*, [Law] decision taken as guide for later decisions on like questions; *l. lady (man)*, female (male) lead in play; *l. question*, one so put as to make suggestion of answer desired. ('li:d (led)).
- leaf** (leaves), n. Any of parts of plant, gen. green, produced on sides of stem or branch or from root; thing flat and thin like l., sp., bit of paper whose sides make 2 pages of book; part of table-top which may be put up or down, or in and out. *In l.*, (of trees) with leaves on; *take a l. out of person's book*, do as he has done; *turn over a new l.*, make a new start. **-age**, n. Leaves of tree(s). **-let**, n. Printed paper, folded or not, giving facts etc. for distribution. ('li:f (li:vz)).
- league**, n. Measure of road distance, gen. about 3 miles. ('li:g).
- league**, 1. n. Agreement between persons, nations, groups, to give one another help. *L. of Nations*, that formed in 1919 for purpose of keeping peace between all nations. 2. v.t. & i. Get joined in l.
- leak**, 1. n. Hole, crack, way, through which liquid etc. may wrongly get in or out. 2. v.i. Have l. in it, letting liquid etc. l.; come through l. *L. out*, sp., (of secret) come to light. **-age**, n. Leaking; what leaks out or in. ('li:k).
- leal**, [Scot. Let.], a. LOYAL. ('li:əl).

## LECHEROUS


- lean**, 1. a. (Of persons, animals, meat) without much fat. *L. years*, time when there is little food, money etc. 2. n. L. part of meat. ('li:n).
- lean** (leaned or leant), v.i. & t. Be, put, in sloping position, supported (*against*); have tendency (*to view etc.*). *L. against*, make or be supported against; *l. upon*, sp., be dependent on for help etc. **-ing**, n. Sp., tendency of mind, feeling. **l.-to**, n. Building with roof resting against side of another. ('li:n (lent)).
- leap** (leapt or leaped), n., v.i. & t. Jump. *By l. and bounds*, (moving) very quickly.
- l.-frog**, n. Sport in which players leap with parted legs over bent backs of others. **l.-year**, n. Year in which February has 29 days. ('li:p (lept)).
- learn** (learnt), v.t. & i. Get knowledge of, become expert in; get news, knowledge, (*that*). **-ed** ('lə:mid), a. Full of knowledge. *L. profession*, one needing much learning. **-ing**, n. Sp., knowledge got from reading. ('lə:n).
- lease**, 1. n. Agreement by which owner of land or house lets it to another for certain time for fixed payment. *New l. of life*, chance of living longer, more happily. 2. v.t. Let, take, by l. **-hold**, n. Use of property taken, by lease. ('li:s).
- leash**, 1. n. Dog's LEAD. *Hold in l.*, keep under control. 2. v.t. Put l. on; hold in l. ('li:f).
- least**, 1. a., n. Smallest (amount, degree). 2. adv. In the l. *In the l.*, in the l. degree. ('li:st).
- leather**, 1. n., a. Material made by putting skins of animals through certain processes; bit of l. for polishing. 2. [Com.] v.t. Give a whipping to. ('leðə).
- leave** (left), v.t. & i. Go away from, not take away, let be (where it is); not get used up; not do or give attention to; give (property) at one's death (*to*); give (directions etc.) when going away. *L. go of*, give up one's grip of; *l. off*, give up (doing something, taking place); *l. out*, not put in; *l. (thing, person) alone*, sp., not be touching, troubling; *l. unsaid etc.*, not say etc.; *left over*, over, not used. **'leavings**, n. pl. What is left as waste. ('li:v (left)).
- leave**, n. Authority given to do, go etc.; l. to be away from work for a time; such time. *By your l.*, if you will let me; *take French l.*, go away without l.; *take l. of*, say words of parting to.
- leaven**, 1. n. Substance put into bread-paste to make it undergo expansion; quality etc. mixed with, slowly changing, something. 2. v.t. Give, be, (as) l. to. ('levn).
- leaves**. See LEAF.
- lecherous**, a. Having, giving way to, over-great sex desire. **'lechery**, n. ('letʃərəs).



## LECTERN

**lectern**, n. Sloping reading-table used in Church, sp. for *BIBLE*. ('lektən).  
**lecture**, v.i. & t., n. (Give) talk to (group) for purpose of teaching; (have) talk with (person) protesting against his behaviour.  
**-ship**, n. Position as lecturer at university etc. ('lektʃə).  
**led**. See LEAD.  
**ledge**, n. Narrow shelf coming out from wall, side of mountain etc. ('ledʒ).  
**ledger**, n. Book in which the accounts of a business with different persons etc. are recorded separately. **'l-line**, [Mus.] n. Short line put over or under normal STAVE in printed music to give position of note(s) outside it. ('ledʒə).  
**lee**, n. Cover against wind given by side of something; side away from wind. **-way**, n. Sideways moving of ship to leeward; a little space, amount etc., over what might be needed. *Make up l.*, get out of bad position. **-ward** (gen. 'lju:əd), a., adv., n. (On, to, of) the side, direction, away from the wind. (li:).  
**leech**, n. Small blood-drinking water-worm, sometimes used medically; [Old] medical man. (li:tʃ).  
**leek**, n. Plant with long, strong-tasting bulb, used as food. (li:k).  
**leer**, v.i., n. (Give) unpleasant look (at), freq. of sex desire. (li:ə).  
**left**. See LEAVE.  
**left**, a., adv., n. (Of, in, on, in the direction of) side of body in which the heart normally is, opp. right. *The L.*, political group(s) desiring change, chiefly representative of workers. **L-handed**, a. Using the left hand more than the right. *L. compliment*, words seeming to give approval but doing the opposite. (left).  
**leg**, n. Any of the parts of animal's or person's body used for walking etc., sp. without foot; l.-like support of table etc.; part of trousers covering l. *Give (get) a l. up*, give (get) help in getting on; *not have a l. to stand on*, be unable to give any good reason for opinion etc.; *on its last l.*, near its end. **-ging**, n. Covering of leather etc. for lower part of leg. **-gy**, a. With long legs. (leg).  
**legacy**, n. Money etc. given by owner at his death; thing handed on by earlier user etc. **lega'tee**, n. Person getting legacy. ('legəsi).  
**legal**, a. Of, based on, in agreement with, law. *L. tender*, money which creditor has, by law, to take in payment. ('li:gl).  
**legate**, n. Representative of POPE in a country. ('legit).  
**legation**, n. (Building used by) person acting as representative of his government in another country, together with those under him; position of such representative. (li'geiʃən).  
**le'gato**, [Mus.] adv. Smoothly. (li'gɑ:tou).

## LENGTH

**legend**, n. Old story handed down as history; INSCRIPTION. **-ary**, a. Noted, having existence only, in legend. ('ledʒənd).  
**legerde'main**, n. Expert use of the hands in doing card etc. tricks; tricking by false argument. ('ledʒəda'mein).  
**leg'horn**, n., a. (Hat of) sort of material made of thin, dry stems twisted over and under one another; sort of fowl. (leg'hɔ:m).  
**'legible**, a. (Of handwriting, print) clear to the eye. ('ledʒibl).  
**legion**, n. Division of 3000-6000 men in old Rom. army; very great number. *Foreign l.*, body of men from other countries forming part of army. *L. of Honour*, F. order given as mark of respect. **-ary**, n., a. (One) of (foreign) legion. ('li:ʒən).  
**'legislate**, v.t. Make laws. **legis'lation**, n. Sp. laws made. **'legislature**, n. Law-making body. ('ledʒisleit).  
**le'gitimate**, a. In agreement with the law; right, regular; being the offspring of persons married to one another. **le'gitimate** (li'dʒitimait), **le'gitim(at)ize**, v.v.t. Make legitimate. (li'dʒitimait).  
**le'guminous**, a. (Of plants) having seeds in pods. (li'guminəs).  
**'leisure**, n. Time free from work. *At l.*, not working; taking a long time, slowly; *at one's l.*, when one has time. **-d**, a. Having much leisure. **-ly**, a., adv. (Acting, done) at leisure. ('leɪzə).  
**'lemming**, n. Small rat-like animal living in far N. ('lemɪŋ).  
**'lemon**, n. (Tree having) light yellow, acid fruit; colour of this.  **-ade**, n. Drink made from lemons. ('lemən).  
**lemur**, n. Small night animal like a monkey. ('limə).  
**lend** (lent), v.t. Let (person) have use of (thing) on condition that it, or some equal thing, is given back; give (some quality, effect) for a time. *L. a hand*, give help; *l. an ear*, give attention (to what is said); *l. itself to*, be right, good, for (some purpose); *l. oneself to*, give one's support to. (lend).  
**length**, n. Measure of how long a thing is; stretch (of time); bit of cloth etc. of certain fixed l. *At full l.*, sp., with the body stretched out flat; *at l.*, sp., after a long time; *go to all l.*, take any steps necessary; *keep at arm's length*, sp., be cold in behaviour to. **-en**, v.t. & i. Make, become, longer. **-wise**, **-ways**, advs.

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In the direction of the length. **-y**, a. (Of talk, writing, process etc.) very long, over-long. (lenθ).  
**'lenient**, a. Kind, not hard, sp. in punishment. **'leniency**, **'lenity** ('leniti), nn. ('li:niənt).  
**lens**, n. Bit of glass (-like substance) with 2 faces, at least one of which is curved, for making light-rays come to or go from a point, or changing the angle of them. (lenz).  
**lent**. See LEND.  
**Lent**, n. (In Christian Church) 40 days before EASTER, kept as time of regret for wrongdoing. **-en**, a. Of, in, right for, Lent. (lent).  
**'lentil**, n. Sort of LEGUMINOUS plant; l. seed, used for food. ('lentil).  
**'leonine**, a. LION-like. ('liənain).  
**'leopard**, n. Great animal of cat family with yellow coat having round dark marks on it, living on meat. ('lepəd).  
**'leper**, n. One with leprosy. **'leprosy**, n. Disease of the skin, slowly biting into body like acid. **'leprous**, a. ('lepə).  
**'leprechaun**, n. Sort of Irish FAIRY. ('leprɪkəʊn).  
**'lesion**, n. Wound; [Med.] damaging change in behaviour or substance of part of body. ('li:ʒən).  
**less**, 1. a., adv. Smaller; not so much; in, to, a lower degree. 2. n. A smaller amount, number. 3. prep. With (certain amount, thing) taken away. **-er**, a. Not as great, important, as another or others. (les).  
**les'see**, n. One to whom a building etc. is let by LEASE. **les'sor**, n. One letting a building etc. by LEASE. (le'si:).  
**'lesson**, n. Thing which a learner has to get knowledge of; teaching given at one time; experience etc. having effect of teaching, example; a reading from the BIBLE given in Church. ('lesn).  
**lest**, conj. For fear that. (lest).  
**let**, 1. v.t. Not keep (person, thing) from (doing etc.) (*l. do*); make it possible for (person, thing) to (do etc.); *l. go (in, out etc.)*; give use of (sp. building) for payment. *L. alone*, (v.t.) not be touching, troubling; (prep.) not taking into account; *l. down*, sp., make (dress etc.) longer by undoing stitching; not give looked-for support to (person); *l. fly (at)*, send (stone etc.) (at); say angry words (to); *l. go of*, give up one's grip of; *l. in*, sp., put (material) into space in material; *l. loose, free*, make free, unchained; *l. off*, make (gun etc.) go off; *l. (person) go free* from punishment; *l. oneself go*, give up controlling oneself; *l. oneself (another) in for*, get mixed up in, make responsible for; *l. out*, sp., l. for payment; make (clothing) looser by undoing stitching. 2. v. aux. Used in giving order

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or making suggestion (*l. us go, l. it be done*). (let).  
**let**, [Old] 1. v.t. Get in the way of, keep from motion. 2. n. (Thing) letting, stopping.  
**'lethal**, a. (Designed for) causing death. *L. chamber*, one for putting animals to death without pain. ('li:θəl).  
**'lethargy**, n. Being tired, taking no interest. **le'thargic** (le'θɑ:dʒik), a. ('leθədʒi).  
**'letter**, 1. n. Any of the signs, representative of sounds, of which words in writing are formed; account of events, request etc. in writing, sent by one person to another. *LL.*, (knowledge about, the writing of) books, verse; *keep the l. of the law, an agreement*, be acting in agreement with what it says without taking into account its true purpose. 2. v.t. Put lettering, letters, on. **'l-box**, n. Box for posting letters in. **-ed**, a. Sp., having wide knowledge of books. **-ing**, n. Sp., the letters, words, put on book-cover etc. **-press**, n. The words in a book etc. which has pictures. ('lets).  
**'lettuce**, n. Plant with head of light green leaves used uncooked for food. ('letəs).  
**'leucocyte**, n. [Sc.] Small white body in the blood. ('lju:kəusait).  
**le'vant**, v.i. Go away suddenly without making payment of one's debts. (li'vant).  
**'levee**, n. Special meeting with King or his representative for men only. ('levi).  
**'level**, 1. n. Line or plane parallel with sky-line; instrument for giving or testing this; position as high or low; degree, measure, of a quality etc.; position in society. *Find one's own l.*, get into one's right position in relation to others; *on the l.*, [Com.] open, straightforward; *the l.*, flat country. 2. a. Parallel with sky-line; on same l. *with*; flat, smooth. *L. crossing*, place where railway goes across a road on same l.; *one's l. best*, the most, best, one is able to do. 3. v.t. Make l., equal in position; RAZE; put down or up to certain l.; be pointing (gun etc. at). **l-headed**, a. Well-balanced, judging wisely. **-ler**, n. Sp., one desiring to give all persons equal position in society. ('levl).  
**'lever**, 1. n. Rod or other such structure moving at one point against a fixed support, so that force acting at certain point is turned into opp. force at another point, and may be used for pushing, lifting; rod etc. used for forcing open or up. 2. v.t. Be lifting, moving, acting on, with l. **-age**, n. Working of, power given by, a lever. ('li:və).





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**leveret**, n. Young HARE. ('levərit).  
**le'viathan**, n. [Fict.] Great sea-animal; anything of great size, power. (li'vaiaθən).  
**levitate**, v.t. & i. Make, be, lifted into the air (seemingly) without physical force. ('leviteit).  
**levity**, n. Not being serious enough, acting without enough respect for serious thing. ('leviti).  
**levy**, i. v.t. Put on, be forcing payment of (tax etc.); get together (army). *L. war*, go to war. 2. n. Levying; amount or number levied. ('levi).  
**lewd**, a. Lascivious, dirty. (lu:d).  
**Lewis 'gun**, n. Sort of MACHINE GUN. ('lu:is 'gʌn).  
**lexicon**, n. DICTIONARY, sp. of Gk. or Hebrew words. **lexi'cographer**, n. Maker of DICTIONARY. ('leksikən).  
**Leyden 'jar**, [Sc.] n. Sort of electric CONDENSER. ('leɪdn 'dʒɑ:).  
**liable**, a. Responsible in law (*for, to*); with a tendency *to* (do or undergo something not desired). **lia'bility**, n. Sp., what one is liable for. *LL.*, debts or other money ll. ('laɪəbəl).  
**li'aïson**, n. Sex relation between man and woman not married to one another; [Mil.] connection, touch. *L. officer*, one acting as go-between for armies of 2 nations fighting on same side. (li'eizən).  
**liar**. See LIE.  
**li'bation**, n. (Giving of) drink-offering to a god. (lai'beɪʃən).  
**libel**, v.t., n. [Law] (Make) statement in print or writing about (person) damaging to his good name; (say, do) anything giving falsely poor idea of (person). ('laɪbəl).  
**liberal**, i. a. Giving freely; giving, marked by, having, wide views, outlook; (of amount) more than enough. 2. n. One of the L. Party. *L. Party*, Eng. political group supporting equal rights for all and against wide government control. ('libərəl).  
**liberate**, v.t. Make free, let out. ('libəreit).  
**libertine**, n. Man who is given to pleasures of sex, loose living. ('libəti:n).  
**liberty**, n. Condition of being free, right or power to do what one has a desire to. *At l. to*, free to; *take ll. with*, be acting without right respect for. ('libəti).  
**li'bidinous**, a. Lascivious. (li'bidɪnəs).  
**library**, n. Room, building, in which books are kept for reading; the books in a l., of a person etc. *Circulating l.*, organization letting out books for payment. **li'brarian**, n. Person in control of a library. ('laɪbrəri).  
**li'bretto**, n. Book of words of opera or play with music. (li'bretou).  
**lice**. See LOUSE.  
**licence**, i. n. Right to do something, given by authority; statement in writing giving this; acting without respect

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for law, rules; being licentious. *Poetic l.*, writer's etc. overstepping of rules of language, reasoning, for verse etc. effect.  
**license**, v.t. Give l. to (person) or for (doing of thing). *Licensed premises*, hotel, restaurant etc. whose owner has a l. for trading in alcohol. **li'centiate** (lai'senʃi:t), n. One who has statement from university etc. that he is expert in some branch of knowledge. **li'centious**, a. Loose-living. ('laisəns).  
**lichen**, n. Sorts of small plant without flowers, covering stones, tree-stems etc. ('laɪkən).  
**lich-gate**, n. Lych-gate. ('litʃgeɪt).  
**lick**, i. v.t. & i. Put tongue over (something); take (*up, off* etc.) by licking; (of waves, flame etc.) be moving softly over; [Com.] give a whipping to; [Com.] get the better of. *L. into shape*, give training to, make as desired; *l. one's lips*, sp., give signs of looking forward to, sp. food; *l. the dust*, be completely overcome. 2. n. A licking with the tongue. *At a great l.*, [Hum.] at a great rate. **-ing**, n. Sp., [Com.] a whipping; act of being overcome. (lik).  
**licorice**, n. LIQUORICE. ('likərɪs).  
**lid**, n. Cover for opening, sp. for top of vessel, box etc.; EVELID. (lɪd).  
**lie**, v.i., n. (Make) consciously false statement; (of things) give false idea. *Give the l. to*, make clear or say strongly that (person) is lying, (thing) is false. **liar**, n. One (given to) lying. **'lying**, a., n. (lai).  
**lie** (lay, lain), i. v.i. Have or get the body stretched out, parallel with earth, supported, resting, (*on* something); be (in some position, condition) (*l. hidden* etc.); (of place etc.) be, be stretching; [Law] (of process) be of sort which may rightly come before judge. *L. down*, get into lying position; *l. in*, be in bed while giving birth; *l. low*, sp., keep quiet, not get attention turned on one; *l. up*, be ill in bed; (of ships) be not in use; *take it lying down*, take punishment, trouble etc. without protesting or fighting. 2. n. Way, position, in which thing lies. *The l. of the land*, sp., the general position of things. (lai (lei, leɪn)).  
**lief**, adv. Only *l. etc. would, had, as l. (do this) as (do that)*, I would as (more) readily (do this) as (than) (do that). (li:f).  
**liege**, i. n. Liege lord or liegeman. 2. a. Only *l. lord*, (in FEUDAL times) ruler or landowner with men under his authority. **-man**, n. One under a liege lord. (li:ɜ:ɜ:).  
**lien**, n. Right to keep another's property till payment has been made of debt in connection with it. ('li:ən).  
**lieu**, n. Only *in l. of*, in place of. (li:u:).  
**lieutenant**, n. Person acting for another of higher position; man in second from lowest position with COMMISSION in army,

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and third from lowest in sea force.  
**lieutenant**-, Highest in position under.  
**l.-colonel, l.-commander, l.-general**. (lef'tenant).  
**life**, n. Condition of being living; time between birth and death; time for which a thing has working value; living things as a body; condition, way, of living; account in writing of person's l.; quality giving driving-force, interest, making things bright. *L. Guards*, 2 horse REGIMENTS in Brit. Army. **l.-belt**, n. Structure of cork etc. put round body to keep person up in water. **l.-boat**, n. Boat for going to help of those in danger in, on, sea. **-buoy**, n. Ring etc. for keeping person up in water (see BUOY). **-long**, a. For all one's life. **l.-preserver**, n. Short stick with weighted head. (laɪf).  
**lift**, i. v.t. & i. Take up to higher level; (of mist etc.) become less thick, go away; [Com.] STEAL. *Not l. a finger to*, not make the smallest attempt to; *l. up one's voice*, give a cry. 2. n. A lifting; apparatus for taking persons, things, up and down from floor to floor. *Give person a l.*, sp., take him in cart, automobile etc. on the way one is going. (lift).  
**ligament**, n. Band of strong, elastic material keeping bones together in body. ('ligəmənt).  
**ligature**, i. n. Band, cord etc. for joining something, putting tightly round, sp., cut blood-vessel etc. 2. v.t. Put l. round; get joined with l. ('ligətʃuə).  
**light**, i. n. That which makes things able to be seen; anything from which l. comes; bit of burning substance, sp. match, for putting fire to, anything; bright quality; new knowledge making something clearer. 2. a. Having much l., opp. dark; (of colour) not deep. 3. v.t. & i. Get (fire etc.) burning; become lighted, burning; give l. to; make, become, bright (freq. *l. up*). **-en**, v.t. & i. Make, become light(er); give out lighting. **-house, -ship**, nn. Building, ship, with light for guiding ships at sea. **-ning**, n. Bright light produced in sky by natural electric force, gen. with thunder. *L. conductor*, metal rod on house etc. making electric connection with earth and so keeping safe from damage by l. (laɪt).  
**light**, a. Of little weight, sp., for its size; not strongly made to take great weights; delicate in form or motion; without great force; (of work, punishment) not hard; not serious, deep, important; (of bread etc.) having enough air in it; (of food) readily undergoing digestion; (of sleep) readily broken. **-en**, v.t. & i. Make, become, lighter. **l.-fingered**, a. Expert at taking money etc. from

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pockets of others. **l.-headed**, a. DELIRIOUS. **l.-hearted**, a. Happy, free from care. **l.-weight**, n. BOXER of a little greater weight than FEATHER-WEIGHT.  
**lighter**, n. Boat for taking goods between ship and land. ('laɪtə).  
**lights**, n. pl. Breathing-parts of pig, sheep etc. as food. (laɪts).  
**ligneous**, a. Like wood; (of plants) having wood. ('lignɪəs).  
**lignite**, n. Brown coal still having structure of wood. ('lignait).  
**like**, i. a. Of the same sort, form, having the same quality, as; l. another or one another. *L. anything* (adv.), [Hum.] very much, very hard; *l. mad*, violently; *nothing l. as good* etc., very far from being as good. 2. prep., adv. In the same way, to the same degree, as. *Feel l. doing*, have a desire to do; *it looks l. rain(ing)* etc., there are signs that there is going to be rain. **-lihood**, n. Degree to which an event is probable. **-ly**, a. Probable; seeming good, right for the purpose. **-n**, v.t. Be pointing out the likeness of (one thing to another). **-ness**, n. Being like; picture of person, sp. as being like him. **-wise**, i. adv. In the same way. 2. conj. In addition, further. (laɪk).  
**like**, i. v.t. Be pleased with, give approval to; take pleasure in (doing). 2. n. *LL.*, things one likes. **likable**, a. Pleasing, causing liking. **'liking**, n. Sp., a *l. for*, a taste for; *to one's l.*, to one's taste.  
**lilac**, n., a. Tall tree-like plant with white or blue-red flowers; light blue-red. ('laɪlək).  
**lilt**, i. v.t. & i. Give (song) with strongly marked rhythm. 2. n. (Song with) such rhythm. (lɪlt).  
**lily**, n. Sorts of bulb plant having great, freq. white, flowers. **l.-livered**, a. With tendency to fear. ('lɪli).  
**limb**, n. Arm, leg, or wing; great branch of tree. (lɪm).  
**limber**, i. n. Front part of gun-carriage which may be taken off. 2. v.t. Get l. joined to (gun). ('lɪmbə).  
**limber**, a. (Of person, muscles etc.) freely moving, not stiff.  
**limbo**, n. [Fict.] Place where those who have not had chance to become Christians are said to go to after death; condition of being put out of memory of men. ('lɪmbou).  
**lime**, i. n. White substance got by burning sorts of stone, used in making MORTAR. *Quick l.*, in dry form; *slaked l.*, chemically united with water. 2. v.t. Put BIRD-LIME on (trees); give dressing of l. to (land). **-light**, n. Very bright light produced by heating lime in certain sort of gas flame. *In the l.*, sp., getting public attention. **-stone**, n. Stone with much lime in it. (laɪm).

## LIME

**lime**, n. Acid fruit like small LEMON.  
**lime**, n. Sort of tree with heart-formed leaves.

**limerick**, n. Verse of 5 lines used for purposes of humour. ('limerik).

**limit**, i. n. Line, point, marking end of thing, edge; greatest or least amount, degree, possible or in question. *It's the l.*, [Com.] as much as, more than, one will put up with. 2. v.t. Put ll. to; be the l. of. '-ed, a. Sp., (of amount) not great; (of views etc.) narrow. *L. company*, trading company formed of persons every one of whom is responsible only for certain part of its debts. '-ation, n. Sp., limiting condition. *One's ll.*, qualities one is poor in, without. ('limit).

**limn**, [Old] v.t. Make (a picture); make a picture of. (lim).

**limousine**, n. Automobile with shut-in body and roof over driver's seat. ('liməzin).

**limp**, a. Not stiff or elastic, readily bent; tired, feeling feeble. (limp).

**limp**, n. v.i. Walk (as) of one with damaged leg or foot.

**limpet**, n. Sea MOLLUSC getting itself tightly fixed onto stones. ('limpit).

**limpid**, a. (Of liquid, eyes etc.) very clear. ('limpid).

**linchpin**, n. Pin keeping wheel fixed to AXLE. ('lintʃpin).

**linden**, n. LIME tree. ('lindən).

**line**, i. n. Thread, cord, wire, for special purpose (*fishing-l.*, *telephone l.* etc. etc.); thread-like mark, sp. on paper; [Math.] limiting edge of plane, form having one DIMENSION only; limit; outline; number of persons or things placed in l.-like form, sp., military; such l. of print or writing across page; division of a verse, gen. forming l. on page; note, short letter; family (tree); line(s) of metal on which train etc. goes; railway or other transport system, company; direction taken by person's acts or purposes; (in trade) any special branch of trade, sort of goods. *The L.*, sp. EQUATOR; *in l. with*, sp., in agreement with; *l. of battle*, men, ships, in fighting order. 2. v.t. & i. Get marked with ll.; get lined up at side of. *L. up*, get placed in ll. '-age, ('liniɪdʒ), n. Lineal connection, family line. '-al ('liniəl), a. Straight from father to son in the family tree. '-ar ('liniə), a. Of or in lines; [Math.] to be measured in one direction of space only. '-r ('lainə), n. Transport ship making regular journeys. '-sman, n. (In sports) man watching to see if ball goes over line. (lain).

**line**, v.t. Put, be, covering material on inside of (box, bag, clothing etc.). 'lining, n. Sp., material which lines.

**lineament**, n. Special quality, outline, detail, sp. of face (gen. pl.). ('liniəmənt).

## LIP

**linen**, n., a. (Cloth) made of FLAX; clothing, table cloths etc. made of l. ('linin).

**ling**, n. Sorts of HEATHER. (lin).

**ling**, n. Sea-fish used, gen. salted, for food.

**linger**, v.i. Be slow to go; be waiting, keeping, about, round. '-ing, a. (Of disease etc.) going on for a long time. ('linger).

**lingerie**, [F.] n. Women's underclothing. ('lanʒəri).

**lingo**, n. Language, way of talking, which is strange to one, of which one has poor opinion. ('lingou).

**lingua franca**, n. Language, sp. a mixed one, in use between persons of 2 or more different nations. ('lingwə 'frankə).

**lingual**, a. Of, made with, the tongue; of language. ('lingwəl).

**linguist**, n. One expert in languages.

**linguistic**, a. Of language or ll. **linguistics**, n. The science of language. ('lingwɪst).

**liniment**, [Med.] n. Liquid for rubbing body when stiff etc. ('linimənt).

**link**, i. n. One ring of a chain; part, thing, person, forming connection; 2 linked buttons for arm of shirt; measure, 1/100 of CHAIN. 2 v.t. & i. Get joined (*together, to, with*), sp., like 2 ll., make connection between; get, be, linked (*on-to*). (link).

**link**, [Hist.] n. Light made of readily-burning material at end of a stick.

**links**, n. GOLF-COURSE. (lɪŋks).

**linnet**, n. Small song-bird. ('linɪt).

**linoleum**, n. Canvas coated with powdered cork mixed with oil, for covering floors. (li'nouliəm).

**linotype**, n. Machine producing complete lines of words on bits of metal for printing. ('lainoutaɪp).

**linseed**, n. Seed of FLAX, from which oil is produced. ('lɪnsi:d).

**lint**, n. Linen etc. material made wool-like on one side for covering wounds. (lint).

**lintel**, n. Long bit of wood or stone across top of door or window. ('lintl).

**lion**, n. Great yellow-brown animal of cat family, living on other animals. *L.'s share*, greatest part. '-ize, v.t. Make much of (person) as being noted. ('laɪən).

**lip**, n. One or other of the edges of the opening into the mouth; edge of vessel



## LIQUEUR

etc., l.-like part; [Com.] talk without respect. **l.-service**, n. Words of respect, approval etc. unsupported by feelings, acts. '-stick, n. Stick of colouring-substance for making lips red. (lip).

**liqueur**, n. Sorts of alcohol drink taken in small amounts after a meal. (li'kjue).

**liquid**, i. n. Any substance, such as water, which is not solid or a gas. 2. a. In the form of a l.; clear, bright, like water; (of sounds) clear, soft, not rough; not fixed in form. *L. assets*, property which may be readily changed into money. **liquefaction**, n. 'liquefy, v.t. & i. Make, become, a liquid.

**liquescent** (li'kwesənt), a. Becoming, with tendency to become, liquid. ('likwid).

**liquidate**, v.t. Make payment of (debt); put an end to (company etc.) by making division of its property among creditors. **liquidation**, n. Sp. *go into l.*, sp. become BANKRUPT. ('likwideɪt).

**liquor**, n. Alcohol drink; liquid used or produced in cooking etc. ('lika).

**liquorice**, n. (Plant with root giving) black substance used medicinally and as a sweet. ('likərɪs).

**lira** (lire), n. Unit, bit, of It. money. ('liərə ('liəri)).

**lisle** ('thread), n. Thin hard-twisted cotton thread. ('lail ('θred)).

**lisp**, i. v.i. & t. Say *th* in place of *s*, *z*, in talking; say lispingly. 2. n. A lisp, way of talking. (lɪsp).

**lissom**, a. (Of body) not stiff, moving readily, beautifully. ('lɪsəm).

**list**, [Old] v.t. Have a desire, be pleased (*to do*). (lɪst).

**list**, i. n. Number of names of persons, things etc. put down in writing. 2. v.t. Put on a l., make a l. of.

**list**, v.i., n. (Of ship, wall etc.) (have) slope over to one side through weight, earth, moving.

**list**, [Old] v.i. & t. LISTEN, LISTEN TO.

**list**, n. SELVEDGE.

**listen**, v.i. Make attempt at, be, hearing something; give attention, give way, (*to request, suggestion*). *L. in*, be listening to radio; be listening to talk between others on telephone. ('lɪsn).

**listless**, a. Without interest in, desire to do, anything, tired. ('lɪstlɪs).

**lists**, [Hist.] n. pl. Shut-in space for fights between armed men on horseback. (lɪsts).

**lit**. See LIGHT.

**litany**, n. Form of PRAYERS in Church of England in which PRIEST and public take part in turn. ('lɪtəni).

**lital**, a. Of the letters or a letter; (of copy of writing, etc.) copying, giving, every word; taking words in their straightforward sense. ('lɪtərəl).

**literary**, a. Of, to do with, literature.

## LIVE

**literature** ('lɪtrɪʃə), n. (Producing of) books, verses, sp., sort valued as art; the writings of some country or time, or on some question. ('lɪtərəri).

**literate**, n., a. (Person) having knowledge of reading and writing. **literacy**, n. ('lɪtərɪt).

**lithe**, a. (Of body) not stiff, readily moving, twisting. (laɪð).

**lithograph**, i. n. Print made from picture by special process on stone or metal.

2. v.t. Make l. from. ('liθəgrəf).

**litigate**, v.i. & t. Go to law about some question. **litigious** (li'tɪdʒəs), a. Taking pleasure in litigating. ('lɪtɪgeɪt).

**litmus**, n. Blue colouring-substance turned red by acids and made blue again by ALKALIS. **l.-paper**, n. Paper coloured with litmus for testing chemicals. ('lɪtməs).

**litre**, n. Unit of measure for liquids in METRIC system, about 1 1/4 pints. ('lɪtrə).

**litter**, n. Sort of bed for transport used in old times as carriage; sort of stretcher. ('lɪtə).

**litter**, i. n. The young given birth by animal at one time. 2. v.i. (Of animals) give birth to young.

**litter**, i. n. Mass of bits, papers, out of order; bedding for animals. 2. v.t. Put l. about (place); put l. down for (animal).

**little**, i. a. Small in size or amount; young; unimportant. *A l. (food, trouble etc.)*, a small amount of; *l. finger*, that farthest from thumb. 2. adv. To a small degree, not much. 3. n. (Only) a small amount. *After (for) a l.*, after (for) a short time; *l. by l.*, by degrees. **l.-go**, n. Test letting person into Cambridge University. ('lɪtl).

**littoral**, n., a. (Part of a country which is) near the sea. ('lɪtərəl).

**liturgy**, n. The fixed forms of PRAYER etc. used in a Church. ('lɪtədʒi).

**live**, i. v.i. & t. Have existence as plant or animal, not be dead; have (*one's* or certain sort of existence); get full pleasure etc. from existence; make one's living-place (*in, at*); get what is needed for living (from) (*l. on*); be kept in memory, go on having effect. *L. down*, so l. as to take away memory, effects, of (wrong-doing). 2. (laɪv), a. Living; full of force. *L. coal*, burning coal; *l. shell etc.*, one which has not gone off; *l. wire*, one with electric current going through it.

**lihood** ('laɪvlɪhʊd), n. Money etc. needed for living. '-long, [Let.] a. Only *the l. day etc.*, all through the long day etc.

**ly**, a. Full of force, bright, interesting.

**-n**, v.t. & i. Make, become, more lively (freq. *l. up*).

**-stock**, n. Animals kept for use or profit. **living** ('lɪvɪŋ), i. a. Sp., (of picture, copy) like in every

## LIVER

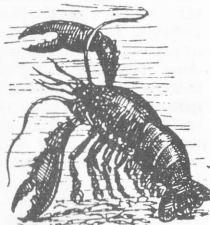
- detail. 2. n. Sp., livelihood; **BENEFICE**. *L. wage*, one great enough to live on. **'living-room**, n. One for general use. (liv).
- 'liver**, n. Part of the body producing **BILE** and keeping blood free from poisons. **'-ish**, a. With liver in bad condition. ('livə).
- 'livery**, n. Special dress of person's servants; the housing and care of horses for payment. *L. stable*, place where horses are kept for owners or let out for payment. ('livəri).
- 'livid**, a. Of blue-grey colour like lead, sp. through fear, angry feeling. ('livid).
- 'lizard**, n. Sorts of cold-blooded, 4-legged, long-tailed animal. ('lizard).
- 'llama**, n. S. Am. animal with long thick hair, used for transport. ('la:ma).
- lo**, [Old] int. See **L.** and **behold**, used as sign that one is about to say something surprising. (lou).
- load**, i. n. What is (to be) lifted, transported; amount which cart etc. is able to take; weight of care, trouble etc. *Ll. of*, [Conn.] more than enough, a great amount, of. 2. v.t. Put l. on; put (goods) on; put firing-material in (gun) ready for firing. *Loaded stick*, one with lead in head. (loud).
- 'loadstone**, n. **LODESTONE**. ('loudstoun).
- loaf** (loaves), n. Mass of bread cooked as separate bit. *L. sugar*, sugar in form of cone or cut into small squares. (louf).
- loaf**, v.i. Be wasting time, waiting about without purpose.
- loam**, n. Fertile sort of earth with much dead leaf material in it; earth paste used for brick-making etc. (loum).
- loan**, i. n. Money or things of which use is given for a time, with or without interest; the giving or getting of a l. 2. v.t. Give as l. (loun).
- lo(a)th**, a. Unready, not desiring (to do etc.). (louθ).
- loathe**, v.t. Have feeling of hate, disgust, for. **'loathsome**, a. Disgusting. (louð).
- loaves**. See **LOAF**.
- lob**, v.t. & i., n. (Sp. in **CRICKET**, **TENNIS**) send (ball) high. (lob).
- 'lobby**, n. Small room or space by front door etc., **CORRIDOR**; (in **HOUSE OF COMMONS** etc.) room open to public. **'-ing**, n. Going among persons of law-making body attempting to get support for something. ('lobi).
- lobe**, n. Lower, soft, hanging part of ear; part of like form. (lob).



LIZARD

## LOCUTION

- 'lobster**, n. Long-tailed sea-animal with 10 legs and hard outer cover, turning red when cooked; its meat as food. ('lobsta).
- 'local**, a. Of, special to, some place; not general in distribution. **lo-**
- 'cality**, n. Thing's position; place where some event takes place, some part of a town, country. **'-ize**, v.t. Make l., not general. **lo'cate**, v.t. Make discovery of, give, position of; get placed (somewhere). ('loukl).
- loch**, n. Scot. stretch of inland water or land-locked arm of sea. (lɒk).
- lock**, n. Group of hairs hanging together. *Ll.*, the hair. (lɒk).
- lock**, i. n. Apparatus worked with key for keeping door etc. from being got open; apparatus by which hand-gun is fired; part of river etc. which may be shut off from rest and water let in or out, for purpose of getting boats from one level to another; apparatus for keeping machine-part from moving, condition of being fixed tight, unable to be moved. *L. stock*, and *barrel*, all of a thing, completely. 2. v.t. & i. Make shut, fixed, with l. and key; keep (in, out) by locking door etc.; make, become, fixed, unable to be moved. *L. up*, get doors of (building etc.) locked; put in locked room etc. **'-er**, n. Sp., small cupboard with lock. **'-et**, n. Small box for picture, bit of hair, etc., as ornament for neck, watch-chain. **'-jaw**, n. Disease in which muscles of **JAW** become suddenly fixed. **'l-out**, n. Keeping of workmen out of work-place as way of forcing agreement. **'-smith**, n. Maker of locks for doors etc. **'l-up**, n. Room etc. used as prison.
- loco'motion**, n. (Power of) self-motion from place to place. **'locomotive**, i. a. 2. n. L. engine, sp. railway engine. (loukə'mouʃn).
- 'locum 'tenens**, [L.] Person acting for **PRIEST**, medical man etc. while he is away. ('loukəm 'ti:menz).
- 'locus** (loci), n. Place, position, of something; [Math.] curve etc. made by all the points in agreement with certain conditions or by motion of a point, line, or plane. ('loukəs ('lousai)).
- 'locust**, n. Winged insect, moving in great masses, causing complete destruction of plants etc. ('loukəst).
- lo'cution**, n. Way of using words; word-group, form of words. (lə'kju:ʃən).



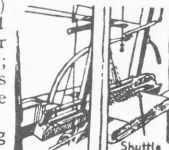
LOBSTER

## LODE

- lode**, n. Natural line of metal in stone. **'-star**, n. **POLE-star**; guiding idea etc. **'-stone**, n. Sort of **OXIDE** of iron with power of attraction. (loud).
- lodge**, i. n. Small house for gardener etc. by way into garden of great house; porter's room at doorway. 2. v.t. & i. Give house-room to; be living (at, in, with) sp., as lodger; put (in place, with person) for safe-keeping; make (protest, statement) to authorities; put, get, fixed (in some place, position). **'-r**, n. Sp., person living in another's house for payment. **'lodging**, n. Sp., place where one lodges, sp., as lodger (freq. *ll.*). *L. house*, house letting rooms. (lɒdʒ).
- loft**, n. Room, storing space, at top of house etc. under roof. (loft).
- 'lofty**, a. Very high; (of thoughts, feelings, behaviour etc.) good, uplifted. ('lofti).
- log**, n. The stem of a cut-down tree; bit cut off this for firewood. **'-rolling**, n., a. Giving support to others to get support from them. **'-wood**, n. Am. tree from which colouring-substance is got. (lɒg).
- log**, n. Apparatus for measuring ship's rate of motion. **'l-book**, n. Book in which record is kept day by day of ship's rate of motion and events taking place.
- 'loganberry**, n. Sort of berry produced from blackberry and **RASPBERRY**. ('lou-gənberi).
- 'log(arithm)**, [Math.] n. Any one of a special system of numbers which makes it possible for questions to be worked out by the addition and taking away of numbers in place of by **MULTIPLICATION** and division. ('lɒg(ə)riθəm).
- 'loggerhead**, n. *At ll.*, not in agreement (with), against one another. ('lɒgəhed).
- 'loggia**, [It.] n. Room, part of house, with one side open to air. ('lɒdʒə).
- 'logic**, n. (Book, system, of) science of reasoning; (person's etc.) way of reasoning. **'-al**, a. Sp., in agreement with laws of l.; with power of reasoning rightly. ('lɒdʒik).
- loin**, n. (In pl.) lower part of back of body; cut of meat formed of one half of this cut down backbone. (loin).
- 'loiter**, v.i. Be slow, make frequent stops on the way; be waiting about. ('loita).
- loll**, v.i. Be in resting position, with the body loose; (of the tongue) be hanging out. (lɒl).
- 'lollipop**, n. Sweet. ('lɒlipɒp).
- lone**, [Let.] a. By oneself, without company; without any persons about. **'-ly**, a. Lone; desiring company. **'-some**, a. Having or causing lonely feeling. (loun).
- long**, i. a. Having a certain measure from end to end in space or time; measuring much from end to end; having great range; taking a l. time. *A l. face*, a sad

## LOON

- look; *in the l. run*, in the end, taking everything into account. 2. n. A long time. *Before l.*, before a l. time has gone by; *the l. and the short of it*, the outcome, point of it all. 3. adv. For, by, a l. time. *As, so, l. as*, sp., if, on condition that. **'l-bow**, n. One pulled by hand, sending long feathered **ARROW**. *Draw the l.*, make overstatements, make up false stories. **'-cloth**, n. Sort of strong, cotton cloth. **'-drawn-out**, a. Taking unnecessarily long. **'-evity** (lɒn'dʒeviti), n. Living for a long time. **'-hand**, n. Normal sort of writing, opp. shorthand. **'-shoreman**, n. One who makes a living by fishing or working by the sea. **'l-suffering**, a. Putting up with much without protest. **'l-winded** ('lɒn'windid), a. (Of talk or writing) over-long. (lɒŋ).
- long**, v.i. Have a very great desire (for). **'-ing**, n. Strong desire.
- 'longitude**, n. Distance of a place E. or W. from **MERIDIAN**, sp. of Greenwich, measured by angle. **longi'tudinal**, a. Sp., of or in measure from end to end, not across. ('lɒndʒɪtju:d).
- 'loofah**, n. Inner part of seed-vessel of a sort of plant made dry and used for rubbing body in washing. ('lu:fə).
- look**, i. v.i. & t. Make use of power of seeing; have, get, the eyes turned in certain direction or the direction (of), to see or give sign of feeling (l. at); be facing or turned in some direction; have air of being, seem to be. *L. after*, sp., give care to; *l. down on*, sp., have a low opinion of; *l. for*, make attempts to see or make discovery of; *l. forward to*, be hoping, waiting, with pleasure for; *l. in on*, sp., go to see for short time; *l. on*, be watching, not taking part; *l. on as*, have opinion that (thing, person) is; *l. out!* sp., take care!; *l. sharp!* sp., be quick!; *l. to*, sp., take care about, give attention to; *l. up*, sp., get better; make discovery of by turning over pages; go to see (person). 2. n. (An) act of looking; way of looking; what a thing is like to the eye. *Ll.*, what a person's face, form, is like. **'-ing-glass**, n. Plate of glass with quicksilver on back, in which one may see oneself. **'l-out**, n. (Person, place for) keeping watch. *A poor etc. l.*, a poor etc. chance, outlook; *that is his l.*, that is for him to take care about, etc. (luk).
- loom**, n. Cloth-making machine. (lu:m).
- loom**, v.i. Come into view, not clearly, freq. seeming greater than natural size.
- loon**, [Scot.] n. Foolish good-for-nothing. (lu:n).



LOOM



# LOON

**loon**, n. Sorts of water-bird.  
**'loony**, [Hum.] n. Short for LUNATIC. ('lu:ni).  
**loop**, i. n. Form produced by curve going across itself; part of cord etc. in this form, sp. fixed by knot. 2. v.t. & i. Make, be, in form of l(i); keep up, back etc. in form of or by l(i). *L. the l.*, (of air-plane) make l. in air, turning upside down. **'l-hole**, n. Narrow hole in wall; a small chance of getting out of some trouble, round some rule etc. (lu:p).  
**loose**, i. a. Free from grip etc., not fixed; not stiff or tight; not tightly massed together; (of argument etc.) not well put together, with poor connections; (of talk, behaviour) low, bad, uncontrolled. *At a l. end*, having nothing to do. 2. v.t. Make l., free. **'-n**, v.t. Make l., less tight. (lu:s).  
**loot**, i. v.t. & i. Take (goods, property) from (place) by force, sp. in time of war. 2. n. Property so taken. (lu:t).  
**lop**, v.t. Get branches cut away from; get (part) cut off. (lop).  
**lop**, v.i. Be hanging loosely down. **'l-ear**, n. Ear hanging down. **l-sided**, a. With one side lower etc., not equally balanced.  
**lope**, v.i. Go with long, jumping steps. (lop).  
**lo'quacious**, a. Given to much talking. **lo'quacity** (lou'kwasi:ti), n. (lou'kwefas).  
**lord**, i. n. One in ruling position, position of authority over some thing or person; PEER; name given in talking to, of, *BARON. The (Our) L.*, God, Christ; *the L.*, body of PEERS etc. forming one of 2 divisions of Eng. PARLIAMENT. 2. v.i. *L. it over*, be acting like a l. to. **'-ling**, n. Unimportant person of TITLE. **'-ly**, a. As of, right for, a lord. **'-ship**, n. Rule, authority, over. *His (Your) L.*, form used in talking of (to) a lord. (lo:d).  
**lore**, n. [Old] Learning; body of knowledge, beliefs, handed down about something. (lo:).  
**lor'nette**, n. Eye-glasses with long hand-part. (lo:n'jet).  
**lorn**, [Let.] a. Without friends, by oneself and sad. (lo:n).  
**'lorry**, n. Long, low automobile or 4-wheeled cart for transport. ('lɔ:ri).  
**lose** (lost); v.t. & i. Have taken from one, have go from one, not keep; be unable to come across (thing etc. which one had); be worse off in (money) by or on some bit of business; be overcome in (fight, competition). *L. one's temper*, get angry; *l. one's train*, not get; *l. one's way*, be uncertain where one is, which way to take; *l. no time (in doing)*, do (a thing) straight away. **loss**, n. Losing; what is lost; damage, trouble, caused by losing. *At a l.*, uncertain what to do. **lost**, a. Sp., having lost one's way; (of ship) gone down. (lu:z (lost)).

# LOVE

**lot**, n. *LL.*, a l. (of), a great number, amount, (of); *the l.*, all. (lot).  
**lot**, n. One of number of bits of paper, etc. used in making selection, decision, by chance (*cast, draw, ll.*); (system of) selection, decision, by chance; one's part in, way of, existence, what comes to one; thing, or parcel of things, put up for AUCTION; bit of land, sp., for building. *A bad l.*, [Com.] person who is bad. **'-tery**, n. System by which money is given for tickets, and those with tickets of certain numbers, made selection of by lot, get reward of money.  
**'lotion**, n. Liquid for putting on wound, making skin soft, etc. ('louʃən).  
**'lotus**, n. [Fict.] Plant which, when taken as food, puts person into happy, half-sleeping condition; sorts of water-plant in E. **'l-eater**, n. One who takes pleasure in doing nothing. ('loutəs).  
**loud**, a. (Of sound) such as to have strong effect on ears; (of dress, colour, behaviour etc.) forcing itself over-much on the attention. **i-speaker**, n. (In radio) apparatus for turning electric waves into sounds loud enough for hearing in a room. (laud).  
**lough**, n. Irish stretch of inland water or arm of sea. (lok).  
**lounge**, i. v.i. Be seated etc. in position of comfort, doing nothing. 2. n. A lounging; room with cushioned seats for resting in. *L. lizard*, man caring for nothing but dancing with women and such pleasures; *l. suit*, man's normal European day clothing in town. (laundʒ).  
**'lour**, v.i. Have or give dark, angry look. ('laʊ).  
**louse** (lice), n. Sorts of small insect living on bodies of animals or men. **'lousy** ('lauzi), a. Sp., [Com.] bad, of poor quality. (laus (lais)).  
**lout**, n. Man of rough, unpolished behaviour. (laut).  
**love**, i. n. Warm, kind feeling, feeling of attraction; this joined with sex desire; feeling of desire for, pleasure in, something; person for whom one has l. and desire. *In l. (with)*, with l. and desire (for). 2. v.t. Have l. for. *L. to do etc.*, take great pleasure in doing. **'lov-able**, a. Having qualities causing love. **'l-bird**, n. Sort of small PARROT. **'l-lock**, n. Waving bit of hair coming over top of face. **'-lorn**, a. Unhappy because one is not loved by person one loves. **'-ly**, a. Beautiful; pleasing. **'l-philtre**, n. Drink said to have effect of causing love. **'-r**, n. Sp., one, gen. man, who is in love. **'l-sick**, a. Ill through love for someone. **'loving-cup**, n. Wine-cup handed from one person to another so that everyone may take a drink from it. (lav).

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love, n. (In TENNIS) no points.  
low, n., v.i. Sound made by cows. (lou).  
low, i. a. Opp. high in size, position, degree, quality, sound; (of person's condition) feeble; (of language etc.) dirty; (of person etc.) common or bad. *In l. spirits*, feeling unhappy; *L. Church*, group in Church of England giving little attention to forms; *Lower House*, house of representatives of general public in law-making body. 2. adv. Opp. high. **'-brow**, n. One without much interest in, knowledge of, things of the mind, art. **'-down**, i. a. (Of person etc.) low. 2. n. *The l.*, [Hum.] the secret, inside facts about something. **'-er**, v.t. Make lower; let down. **Lowlands**, n. pl. Sp., low, S.E. part of Scotland. **'-ly**, a. Poor, simple, without high opinion of oneself.  
**lower**, v.i. LOUR. ('laʊ).  
**'loyal**, a. True to a cause, one's friends, one's ruler. **'-ty**, n. ('lo:əl).  
**'lozenge**, n. 4-sided form with opp. sides equal and parallel and no right angles, DIAMOND; small sweet, sp., one having in it medical substance for throat. ('lo:zɪŋʒ).  
**'lubricate**, v.t. Put oil into (machine-parts), make readily slipping. **'lubricant**, n. Lubricating substance. ('lu:brikeit).  
**lu'cerne**, n. Sort of plant used as food for animals. (lu'sa:n).  
**'lucid**, a. (Of mind etc.) clear; clearly put, readily taken in by the mind. ('lu:sɪd).  
**'Lucifer**, n. The morning star; SATAN. ('lu:sɪfə).  
**luck**, n. (That which comes to a person by) chance; the help of chance, good l. *In (out of) l.*, having good (bad) l. **'-less**, n. (Generally) having bad luck. **'-y**, a. Having, done by, producing, good luck. (læk).  
**'lucrative**, a. Giving good profit. ('lu:kɹətɪv).  
**'lucre**, n. Profit, money, sp. looked on as low. ('lu:kə).  
**lucubr'ation**, n. Long, hard process of thought, sp., at night. *LL.*, writing marked by learning, much thought. (lu:kju'breɪʃən).  
**'ludicrous**, a. Foolish, causing laughing. ('lu:dɪkɹəs).  
**luff**, v.t. & i. Get head of (ship) turned in direction nearer to that of wind. (lʌf).  
**lug**, v.t. Be pulling, lifting, with much force, trouble. (lag).  
**'luggage**, n. Boxes, bags etc. taken on journey. ('lagɪdʒ).  
**'lugger**, n. Small ship with 4-sided sails. ('lʌʒ).  
**lu'gubrious**, a. (Looking) very sad. (lu:'gju:briəs).  
**'lukewarm**, a. Not very warm but not cold; not greatly moved, interested. ('lu:kwə:m).

# LUSH

**lull**, i. v.t. & i. Make, become, quiet, at rest; send to sleep. 2. n. Time of quiet or rest between attacks of pain, wind etc. **'-aby** ('lʌləbaɪ), n. Song for lulling babies to sleep. (lʌl).  
**lum'bago**, n. Disease causing pain in lower part of back. (lʌm'beɪɡə).  
**'lumbar**, a. Of lower part of back. ('lʌmbə).  
**'lumber**, i. v.i. & t. Go as if weighted, slowly, with noise (gen. *along, by* etc.); take up space in, make it hard to get about in (place). 2. n. Waste, unneeded things, taking up space. ('lʌmbə).  
**'lumber**, i. n. Roughly cut wood. 2. v.i. Get trees cut down and roughly cut up.  
**'luminary**, n. Light-giving body, sp. sun or moon; person noted for learning etc. ('lu:mɪnəri).  
**'luminous**, a. Giving light. **lumi'nosity** (lu:mɪ'nɒsɪti), n. ('lu:mɪnəs).  
**lump**, i. n. Mass without regular form; square bit of sugar; a SWELLING. *A l. sum*, one amount covering a number of payments. 2. v.t. Be grouping together (in thought); put roughly together in a mass. *Like it or l. it*, be pleased or not, it has to be. **'-ing**, [Hum.] a. Of great weight or amount. **'-ish**, a. Fat, formed, moving, badly; slow, foolish. (lʌmp).  
**'lunar**, a. Of, dependent on, the moon. *L. month*, 4 weeks. ('lu:nə).  
**'lunatic**, n., a. (One who is) of unbalanced mind, off his head. **'lunacy**, n. ('lu:natɪk).  
**lunch**, v.i., n. (Take) small meal in middle of day. **'-eon**, n. Lunch. (lʌntʃ).  
**lung**, n. One or other of the 2 sponge-like breathing-parts in animal body. (lʌŋ).  
**lunge**, i. n. Sudden forward push with sword etc.; sudden forward move in giving blow etc. 2. v.i. & t. Make l. (with). (lʌndʒ).  
**lurch**, i. n. Sudden changing of weight to one side or foot, roll. *Leave (person) in the l.*, go from him when he is in trouble, needing help. 2. v.i. Make a l.; go with ll. (lɔ:tʃ).  
**'lurcher**, n. Sort of dog used for going after birds and animals. ('lɔ:tʃə).  
**lure**, i. n. Apparatus used for getting back trained HAWK; something used as attraction for some purpose; attraction, interest, of something. 2. v.t. Get (HAWK) back with l.; get (person) to go (in some direction), do etc. by offering l. (ljuə).  
**'lurid**, a. Strange and violent-looking; of the colour of flames and smoke; (of account etc.) full of shocking details, violently pictured. ('ljuarɪd).  
**lurk**, v.i. Keep out of view, in secret place, ready to come out, make attack. ('lɜ:k).  
**'luscious**, a. Very sweet, pleasing, in taste or smell; (of way of writing) over-ornamented. ('lʌʃəs).  
**lush**, a. (Of grass etc.) thick in growth, green, good. (lʌʃ).

## LUST

- lust**, *i. n.* Sex desire looked on as wrong; violent, uncontrolled sex desire; violent pleasure in, desire for, something. 2. *v.i.* Have *l.* (*for*). (*last*).  
**lustre**, *n.* Quality of being polished, bright, beautiful. (*lastə*).  
**lusty**, *a.* Healthy and strong; full of force. (*lasti*).  
**lute**, *n.* Old-time instrument of music with cords, somewhat like BANJO. (*lu:t*).  
**lu'xuriant**, *a.* Strong in growth, great in amount; (of way of writing) over-ornamented. **lu'xuriate**, *v.i.* Take great pleasure (*in*). (*lag'zjuəriənt*).  
**luxury**, *n.* The having of things pleasing to the senses, great comfort, much money; pleasing thing which may be done without. **lu'xurious** (*lʊg'zjuəriəs*), *a.* Loving luxury; giving comfort. (*lakfəri*).  
**lych-gate**, *n.* Roofed doorway into CHURCHYARD. (*lit'geit*).  
**lye**, *n.* Water put through powder from burned wood or other ALKALI, used for washing and soap-making. (*lai*).  
**lying**. See *LIE*.  
**lymph**, *n.* Clear liquid in the body. -**atic**, *a.* Of or producing lymph; slow in thought or acting, feeble. (*limf*).  
**lynch**, *v.t.* Put to death for crime without authority of law. *L. law*, the process by which decision to *l.* is taken. (*lintf*).  
**lynx**, *n.* Short-tailed animal of cat family, noted for its sharp eyes. (*links*).  
**lyre**, *n.* Old-time instrument of music made of U-formed frame with cords going up and down. (*laia*).  
**lyric**, *i. a.* Of, designed for, songs, *ll.* 2. *n.* Verses for a song; song-like, not very long, verses into which writer puts his feelings. -**al**, *a. Sp.*, full of feeling, using language like that of lyric. (*lirik*).

## M

- M**, Rom. number 1,000 (*M* or *m*). (*em*).  
**ma**, *n.* Short form of **MAMMA**. (*ma:*).  
**ma'am**, *n.* Short form of "madam." (*ma:m*).  
**ma'cabre**, *a.* Giving suggestion of death, causing fear. (*mə'ka:br*).  
**ma'cadam**, *n.*, *a.* Small broken stones crushed together, for covering roads. (*mə'kadəm*).  
**maca'roni**, *n.* Paste of powdered grain formed into long pipes, used as food. (*makə'rouni*).  
**maca'roon**, *n.* Cake of powdered ALMONDS and white part of egg. (*makə'ru:n*).  
**ma'caw**, *n.* Sort of PARROT. (*mə'kə:*).  
**mace**, *n.* [Hist.] Instrument of war with metal head; metal-headed rod used as sign of authority. (*meis*).  
**mace**, *n.* Outer cover of NUTMEG, used in cooking to give taste.

## MAGAZINE

- 'macerate**, *v.t. & i.* Make or become soft by keeping in water; make thin by keeping without food. (*'masreit*).  
**Machia'vellian**, *a.* Designing, tricking, ready to take any steps, however wrong, for some purpose, *sp.* political (like *It.* writer, Machiavelli). (*makia'velian*).  
**machi'nation**, *n.* Secret designing of low tricks etc. (*gen. mm.*). (*maki'neiʃən*).  
**ma'chine**, *i. n.* Apparatus with moving parts working together to do some operation; controlling organization of political group etc. 2. *v.t.* Do work on with *m.*, *sp.* one for stitching. **m-gun**, *n.* Gun which, when put in operation, goes on firing. -**ry** (*mə'ʃinəri*), *n.* (Parts of) machines; system of working, organization. **ma'chinist**, *n.* Maker, worker, of machines. (*mə'ʃin:*).  
**'mackerel**, *n.* Silver and blue sea-fish. (*'makrəl*).  
**'mackintosh**, *n.*, *a.* (Coat of) cloth covered with rubber to keep out wet. (*'makintʃ*).  
**'macrocosm**, *n.* All existence looked on as one. (*'makroukozɪn*).  
**mad**, *a.* With a diseased mind; very foolish; [Com.] angry. *M. about*, *sp.*, greatly interested in; in love with. -**cap**, *n.* One acting on impulse, foolishly. -**den**, *v.t. Sp.*, make angry. -**house**, *n.* Place for mad persons. (*mad*).  
**'madam**, *n.* Name used in talking to a woman with respect. **Ma'dame**, [*F.*] Used like "Mrs." before name of married woman who is not Eng. (*'madəm*).  
**'madder**, *n.* (Sorts of) plants giving sorts of red colouring substance. (*'madə*).  
**made**. See *MAKE*.  
**ma'deira**, *n.* Sweet white wine from Madeira. *M. cake*, sort of sponge cake. (*ma'diəra*).  
**'Mademoi'selle**, [*F.*] Used like "Miss" before name of unmarried woman who is not Eng. (*'madmwə'zel*).  
**Ma'donna**, *n.* (Picture etc. of) Mary, the mother of Christ. (*mə'dnə*).  
**'madrigal**, *n.* Short love song or verses; [*Mus.*] song with parts, *gen.* 5 or 6, for voices only. (*'madrigəl*).  
**'maelstrom**, *n.* Violently circling current of water; violent current of events, thoughts etc. (*'meilstroum*).  
**'maenad**, *n.* PRIESTESS of Bacchus; woman in very worked-up condition. (*'mi:nad*).  
**'maestro**, [*It.*] *n.* Great teacher, writer etc. of music. (*'maistrou*).  
**'maffick**, *v.i.* Give way to uncontrolled pleasure-making in streets etc. on getting good news in war etc. (*'mafik*).  
**maga'zine**, *n.* Paper-covered book with stories etc. by different writers, coming out regularly. (*maga'zi:n*).  
**maga'zine**, *n.* Store for gunpowder, arms

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- etc.; apparatus in gun for placing firing-material automatically.  
**ma'genta**, *i. n.* (Colour of) deep red colouring-substance got from coal. 2. *a.* Coloured with or like this. (*mə'dʒenta*).  
**'maggot**, *n.* LARVA, *sp.* of certain fly getting into meat etc. (*'magət*).  
**'magic**, *n.*, *a.* The art of controlling events by other than natural powers; art of making things seem to take place by stage tricks; quality producing effect as if by *m.* **Black (white) m.**, *m.* done with (without) help of bad powers; *m. lantern*, apparatus by which pictures are sent on to a white cloth in a dark room. **ma'gician** (*mə'dʒiʃən*), *n.* Expert in magic. (*'madʒik*).  
**magistrate**, *n.* One in position of law judge, *sp.*, acting in lowest court. **magis'terial** (*madʒis'tiəriəl*), *a.* Of a magistrate; with (air of) authority. **'magistracy**, *n.* The magistrates; position of a magistrate. (*'madʒistrɪt*).  
**mag'nanimous**, *a.* With high qualities of feeling, mind, not moved by unkind feelings. **magna'nimity**, *n.* (*mag'naniməs*).  
**'magnate**, *n.* One having power through money or position. (*'magneit*).  
**mag'nesium**, *n.* A silver-white metal burning with a bright light. **mag'nesia**, *n.* A white powder with magnesium in it, used medically. (*mag'ni:ziəm*).  
**'magnet**, *n.* Bit of iron, freq. of horseshoe form, having an attraction for iron and pointing north and south when free to do so. **mag'netic**, *a.* Of, like, produced by, magnet; (of person) with great attraction. -**ism**, *n.* (Science of) magnetic attraction. -**ize**, *v.t.* Give properties of a magnet to; be acting on like a magnet; MESMERIZE. (*'magnit*).  
**mag'neto**, *n.* Electric apparatus causing firing in PETROL engine. (*mag'ni:tou*).  
**mag'nificent**, *a.* Important-looking, on a great scale, much and beautifully ornamented; very good. (*mag'nifisnt*).  
**'magnify**, *v.t.* Make size of seem greater, *sp.* with special glass for purpose of seeing more clearly; make seem more important etc. (*'magnifai*).  
**mag'niloquent**, *a.* (Of words) high-sounding, over-important; using *m.* words. (*mag'niloukwənt*).  
**'magnitude**, *n.* Size; degree of being important. (*'magnitju:d*).  
**mag'nolia**, *n.* Tree with sweet-smelling, wax-like flowers. (*mag'noulia*).  
**'magnum**, *n.* 2-quart wine bottle. (*'magnəm*).  
**'maggie**, *n.* Black-and-white bird which makes much noise; ring coming after outside ring on TARGET. (*'magpai*).  
**'Magyar**, *n.*, *a.* (Language, person) of chief nation-group of Hungary. (*'magja:*).  
**Maha'rajah**, *n.* Indian ruler. **Maha-**

## MAJESTY

- 'ranee** (*ma:hə'ra:ni:*), *n.* Woman married to Maharajah. (*ma:hə'ra:dʒə*).  
**ma'hatma**, *n.* (In India etc.) name given to man looked on as being very wise or having more than natural powers. (*mə'hatmə*).  
**'mah-jongg**, *n.* Chinese form of play for 4 persons, played with 144 flat bits of wood, bone etc. (*'ma:dʒɒŋ*).  
**ma'hogany**, *n.* (Am. tree with) red-brown wood; colour of *m.* (*mə'həɡəni*).  
**Ma'hommedan**, *n.*, *a.* MOHAMMEDAN. (*mə'homidən*).  
**ma'hout**, *n.* ELEPHANT-driver. (*mə'haut*).  
**maid**, *n.* [Let.] Girl; [Old] unmarried woman; female servant. *M. of honour*, unmarried woman of good birth waiting on QUEEN or PRINCESS; *old m.*, old, unmarried woman. -**en**, *n.* [Old] Unmarried woman; [Let.] girl, young woman. *M. lady*, unmarried woman; *m. name*, woman's family name before she was married; *m. speech*, person's first talk given in public; *m. voyage*, a ship's first journey. -**servant**, *n.* Female servant. (*meid*).  
**mail**, *n.* Metal war-dress. -**ed**, *a.* *The m. fist*, armed force. (*meil*).  
**mail**, *i. n.* System by which letters are sent through post; the letters sent by post, *sp.* overseas. 2. *v.t.* Send by post. **'m-cart**, *n. Sp.*, small, *gen.* 2-wheeled, baby-carriage.  
**maim**, *v.t.* Make wounded etc. in way which keeps some part of the body from being (fully) used. (*meim*).  
**main**, *i. a.* Chief. *The m. chance*, one's interests. 2. *n.* Force (only with *might* and *m.*); [Let.] the sea; chief pipe in water or gas-system. -**land**, *n.* Country, land mass, without its islands. -**mast**, *n.* Chief MAST of ship. -**spring**, *n. Sp.*, chief driving-force. -**stay**, *n.* Cord from top of mainmast to foot of front MAST; chief support or helper. (*mein*).  
**main'tain**, *v.t.* Keep up (condition, way of acting etc.); keep going, in good condition; be supporting (family etc.); say (*that* thing is so). **'maintenance** (*'meintəns*), *n. Sp.*, what is necessary for existence. (*men'tein*).  
**maize**, *n.* Sort of grain plant. (*meiz*).  
**'majesty**, *n.* Quality of language, behaviour etc., giving it authority, causing respect; power of a ruler. *His, Her, (Your) M.*, form used in talking of (to) KING or QUEEN. **ma'jestic**, *a.* (Of language etc.) having majesty. (*'madʒisti*).

